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Draft decision proposed by the Bureau

The Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly on Children recommends to the Assembly the adoption at its fifty-fifth session of the following draft decision:

Arrangements for the participation of non-governmental organizations in the special session of the General Assembly on children

The General Assembly decides that:

(a) A limited number of representatives of non-governmental organizations with specific expertise in the subject matter of the special session of the General Assembly on children will be invited to participate in the debate in the plenary of the special session, given availability of time;

(b) Non-governmental organizations will select spokespersons among themselves and will provide the list thereof to the President of the General Assembly through the Secretariat;

(c) The President of the General Assembly will be invited to select those non-governmental organizations that will participate in the debate in the plenary, on an equal and transparent basis, taking into account the geographical representation and diversity of non-governmental organizations;

(d) Representatives of non-governmental organizations may also make statements in the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole;

(e) These arrangements shall in no way create a precedent for other special sessions of the General Assembly.

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